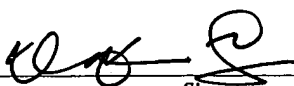



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<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b> (Small Entity)			Docket No. 4296-105.1 US
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div>In Re Application Of: AOYAGI et al.</div><div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">O I P E OCT 01 2003 PATENT &amp; TRADEMARK OFFICE</div></div>			
Serial No. 09/931,468	Filing Date April 16, 2001	Examiner TRAN, Susan T.	Group Art Unit 1615
Invention: NOVEL ABSORBENT			
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<u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>			
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>March 27, 2003</u> in the above-identified application. <div style="text-align: center;"><small>Date</small></div>			
The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired): <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"><span><input type="checkbox"/> One month</span><span><input type="checkbox"/> Two months</span><span><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months</span><span><input type="checkbox"/> Four months</span><span><input type="checkbox"/> Five months</span></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"><div>from: <u>June 27, 2003</u> <div style="text-align: center;"><small>Date</small></div></div><div>until: <u>September 27, 2003</u> <div style="text-align: center;"><small>Date</small></div></div></div>			
A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"><span><input type="checkbox"/> is enclosed.</span><span><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has already been filed in this application.</span></div>			
The fee for the extension of time is <b>\$465</b> and is to be paid as follows: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"><span><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.</span><span><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-2165 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</span></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"><span><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 13-2165 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</span></div>			
 <div style="text-align: center;"><small>Signature</small></div>		Dated: September 29, 2003	
Diane Dunn McKay, Esq., Reg. No. 34,586 Mathews, Collins, Shepherd & McKay, P.A. 100 Thanet Circle, Suite 306 Princeton, NJ 08540 Tel: 609 924 8555 Fax: 609 924 3036  <div style="font-family: monospace; font-size: small; margin-top: 10px;">TRANSMISSION RECEIVED 09/30/2003 10:00 AM 09/30/2003 0 10 5253 452.00 00</div>		<div style="font-size: x-small;">I certify that this document and fee is being deposited September 29, 2003 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.</div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><small>Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</small></div></div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"><b>Diane Dunn McKay</b> <div style="text-align: center;"><small>Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</small></div></div>	
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